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METROPOLITAN POLICE

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MEMORANDUM

13th January, 1968.

From Deputy Commander,
Special Branch.
Ref: 346/68/1

To Commander 'A'

Reliable information has been received that a recent meeting of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign was held for the sole purpose of discussing plans for a major demonstration in London on 24th March, 1968. It was stated by [REDACTED] Privacy that the object was to ensure an even bigger event than that held on 22nd October, 1967.

21 Those present provisionally agreed that the demonstration would commence with a meeting at Trafalgar Square followed by a march to Grosvenor Square, where an attempt will be made to gain entry to the American Embassy. During the course of the march 'splinter' groups would be organised to break away and head for Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament and possibly to the premises of the Dow Chemical Company, 105, Wigmore Street, W.1.

I am fully conscious that many taking part in this proposed demonstration will be there for the specific purpose of creating disorder and am making arrangements to ensure that all possible information is obtained and forwarded to you regarding the plans of the organisers and militant groups who may take part.

A. Cunningham
for Deputy Commander

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Divisional Supts 'A' & 'C' informed. 15/1/68.
Dr. Divn to be informed when firm details are known.

11th day of January 1968

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2 [redacted] 10/4/68
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ROUTINE MEETING / POSTER PARADE REPORT

Organisation: Vietnam Solidarity Campaign

Ref: 400/67/73

Date, Duration, Place/Route: 11th day of January 1968 from 7.30p.m. to 10p.m.
Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E.1.

Source of Information: "Tribune" - 5th January, 1968.

Admission - Private/ Public: Private.

Police Arrangements: Observation by Special Branch.

Subject: Discussion of arrangements for forthcoming demonstration on March 24th.

Chairman, Speakers, Officials: (references; new pars. obtained; descriptions if necessary):

Chairman: [Privacy] - R.F. [Privacy]

Speakers: From floor - not identified.

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[Privacy]

Officials: None.

Attendance: i) Number: 60.

ii) Groups:

iii) Collection

iv) Individuals Identified:

[Privacy] [redacted]

v) Vehicles:

None seen in vicinity.

Incidents:

None.

Banners/Slogans:

None displayed.

Future Activities: See below

Remarks: The chairman, [Privacy], opened the proceedings by saying that it was intended to spend the whole evening discussing arrangements for the forthcoming demonstration on 24th March. He hoped that this demonstration would be an even bigger event on 22nd October last. He then asked for comments from the floor.

The result of lengthy discussion was that the lead banner would bear the slogan "SOLIDARITY WITH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLES" and that other banners should follow this theme.

It was agreed that the demonstration should start with a meeting at Trafalgar Square followed by a march to Grosvenor Square where an attempt would be made to gain entry to the American Embassy. During the course of the march splinter groups would head for Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament and possibly to the Dow Chemical Company, 105, Wigmore Street, W.1.

At this point I was recognised by [Privacy] and was asked to leave the meeting. D.C. [redacted] was also asked to leave and in the interests of discretion we left the vicinity.

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[5] and D.C. [6]

[7] (signature)

[8] TN0039
Chief Inspector

Sergeant. (rank)

- 3. Supts. to see
- 4. To note
- 5. S.B.(R)